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The Erie Convention Committee has already appeared in a previous issue—but so reduced in size that the faces were hard to distinguish. We offer this good-looking gang of brothers on our front cover this month as attractive publicity for the convention. With hosts like this we can be certain that every detail will be arranged for our pleasant stay in Erie.

Front row—left to right: J. D. Magenau, Chairman, Housing Committee; L. P. Ebisch, Chairman, Badge and Printing Committee; C. E. Schnur, Banquet Chairman; W. E. Pfister, General Chairman; Rev. J. E. Bermon, Chairman, Ministerial Committee; Ray Brown, Chairman, Finance Committee.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE!

FIFTEENTH

BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE

BROTHERHOOD OF

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN AMERICA

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Notice is hereby given that the Fifteenth Biennial Convention of The Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America will be held in Erie, Pennsylvania, October 2-3-4, 1946. The opening Brotherhood Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. (Standard Time) Wednesday, October 2nd in the Luther Memorial Church, The Rev. E. Maclay Gearhart, pastor. The Convention Headquarters will be located in the Ford Hotel, Erie, Pa., with the Convention Sessions to be held in the Masonic Temple, Erie, Pennsylvania, starting Thursday morning, October 3rd at 9:00 a.m. and continuing through Friday, October 4th. A Brotherhood Officers' Conference will be held on Wednesday afternoon, October 2nd at 3:00 o'clock. The Convention Banquet, to which ladies are invited, will be held on Thursday evening, October 3rd, in the ballroom of the Masonic Temple.

Harold D. Foster, Secretary

The Worker's Prayer

O Lord Jesus, heal and inspire me
To serve Thee as I ought;
To know Thy word and make it known;
To pray and heal and lead
And love because the world needs love
To give and not count the cost,
To fight and never heed the wounds
To toil and not to ask for any reward
Save that of knowing "I did Thy will."

F. S. E.

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Parish Education Month
is here again. The slogan is "For Faith and Life." To nourish faith and life is the aim of the whole educational program of the parish. Let this month be used not only in stirring enthusiasm, but in constructive planning. Each educational agency in the parish should be examined as to its progam. If it is not nurturing faith and life, it has no place in the Church until its program has been revised.

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The itching sensation that some people mistake for ambition is merely inflammation of the wishbone.—Mutual Mummerings.

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Shocking disclosures
of corruption in high places reveal the need for more character in American leadership. The spirit of "win the war whatever it costs" offers opportunity for graft. In the army and navy as well as in public office, there are men who are led by self-interest. They can not be trusted. They must be weeded out. Stealing is stealing whether by a congressman, a major general, a commander, or a sneak-thief. Officers of corporations that "play ball" with dishonest officials of government or the armed services are just as guilty. There is only one character-building agency that really works, and that is the church. When we vote for our public officers it is more important to know that they are active Christians than to know their politics.

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And if your religion is troubling you, try giving it away before giving it up, or spreading it before changing it.—Baptist Messenger.

The Editor's Personal Paragraphs

DATES TO REMEMBER

ERIE CONVENTION
October 2 - 4th

BROTHERHOOD SUNDAY
October 20th

THEME —
Rebuilding for Christ
Through Evangelism, Boys Work, Christian Stewardship and Lutheran Unity.

The truth in love,
that is an unbeatable combination. It is a question whether there can be truth without love. Certainly it can not be wholesome truth. The judgments of God must be spoken in the spirit of God, the God who is the Father of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked. The spirit of Christ is too often absent in our contentions with our neighbors. Even on the floor of church conventions and in congregational meetings we have heard sarcasm, irony, personal abuse and proud and angry words. We may be right and wrong at the same time, right in the thing for which we stand and wrong in the spirit in which we contend for it. Beware of the man who is always denouncing somebody. He probably enjoys it too much.

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The visitor called at the village library. "May I have the letters of Charles Lamb?" he inquired.

"You're in the wrong building, Mr. Lamb," said the new clerk pleasantly. "The post office is just across the street."—Biblical Recorder.

Tea, like some Christians, loses its real strength when it gets into hot water.—Western Recorder.

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The Saturday Review of Literature
recently carried the story of the Secretary of State's Committee on Atomic Energy. It was written by Norman Cousins and Thomas K. Finletter. We are interested in their procedures. So much time is wasted in committees because the members must make decisions before they really understand each other. To quote:

"Their very individuality and their abhorence of the traditional committee ineptitude made them determine at the start to bypass all the old committee devices resulting in compromise rather than in a direct, bold approach to a problem." On the first day they discussed semantics dialectics, the art of persuasion, collaborative effort. They agreed that most committees fail because each member comes with his mind already made up, with "property rights" in his own ideas, so that they spend their time "proposing and exhorting rather than listening and considering."

They agreed, said one of the consultants, that no point would be argued down, but that each problem would be discussed inductively, from the ground up, assembling all the facts. Every question raised was to be considered as asked by the group rather than by an individual, and every objection as something that troubled the entire group. They refused to issue a watered-down report just for the sake of having a report and renounced the usual barter system, "trading off one pet idea against another, getting into committee 'ideals' just for the sake of carrying off individual honors." They decided instead, if necessary, to issue five different reports. Their purpose was to create collective wisdom by each "emancipating himself from the tyranny of his own ego."

There are many of our church commissions which would profit by a heart-searching consideration of the reviewers' description of committees: "Anyone familiar with the workings of the average government committee, with its sporadic meetings and erratic attendance; its half-formed ideas and incomplete discussions; the intrusion of personalities and personal considerations; and, finally, the habit of turning over all the undigested material to a secretary or counsel, who prepares for the chairman's signature a report which seems primarily designed to avoid offending any of the members of the committee; anyone who has been through this will appreciate how really remarkable and worthy of emulation were the Lilenthal Committee's techniques."

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The great use of a life is to spend it for something that outlasts it.—William James.

Rev. Donald F. Brake,
pastor of St. John's Cumberland, Md. wrote the following little squib for Coronet. We have seen houses still bearing the mark of which he writes:

"Fireman, save my house!" cried the anguished home owner of colonial times as the fire brigade came dashing up to the burning building. The brigade leader would quickly examine the front of the house, glance at the other properties nearby, then very often he and his men would sit down to enjoy the fun as the house burned to the ground.

This was an all-too-familiar scene in America's early days. It was caused by a system of "House Marks." Metal plates bearing the familiar emblem of an insurance company were placed on the fronts of all insured houses and buildings. Such "House Marks" were guides for the fire brigade. Frequently the brigade leader himself was an insurance man, and if the burning building was not insured by a leader or by a friendly insurance company, and did not endanger the property of any man in the brigade, the firemen refused to fight the fire.

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We can thank Mother Nature for devising our hinges so it's awkward to pat ourselves on the back.—United Presbyterian.

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Wichita Light
is a smart newspaper. Since the days of William Allen White we have expected Kansas newspapers to be alive and alert. The Light issues a suplement under the name of "All-Church Press" and several columns are reserved for local church use. Each church has its own edition making extended announcements in a weekly bulletin unnecesary. The materials, other than local church, are well selected for inter-denominational use. Our friend, Dr. E. E. Stauffer, pastor of St. Paul's, Wichita, makes telling use of the space reserved for his church. The newspaper is making a good investment.

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It is not the oath that makes us believe the man; but the man, the oath. —Aeschylus.

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Dr. Martin Niemoeller
is definitely scheduled to visit America in November. He will speak at the Federal Council in Seattle next December. No doubt his intinerary will be arranged to make it possible for many of us to hear him. It is expected that Dr. Hans Lilje will also visit America this fall.

"My Master was a worker,
With daily work to do,
And he who would be like Him
Must be a worker too.
George Tarrant
—Christian Endeavor World

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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
is first of all a missionary. He gave his life to the evangelization of China. He has been president of Yenching University at Peiping. Now he is the ambassador of the United States to China. President Truman is to be highly commended for this appointment.

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During a natural history lesson the teacher asked who could name an animal peculiar to Australia.

"The elephant," said a boy.

"But the elephant is not found in Australia," replied the teacher. .....

"No, miss; that is why it would be peculiar."—Watchman-Examiner.

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"Ambassadors for Christ"
is the key phrase of the enlistment program for our Sunday Schools. Secretary Avery has prepared a "Packaged Plan" for use in your parish. It offers practical guidance for preventing absenteeism, winning back lapsed pupils and methods for enlisting new members. An 8% increase in attendance is the aim of the Parish and Church School Board. Write them at 1228 Spruce St., Philadelphia 7, Pa. for a "Packaged Plan" and then work the plan.

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An exchange remarks that the reason there are so few women after-dinner speakers is because few can wait that long.—Religious Telescope.

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"The repatriation
of prisoners shall be effected as soon as possible after the conclusion of peace". That is quoted from the Geneva Convention which attempted to draw up rules for war. Over 4,000,000 prisoners of war are practically slaves in labor camps in the hands of our allies. We are not using them in America but we have turned over hundreds of thousands of them to our allies. In some cases our prisoners were told they were being returned to their homelands, when in fact, they were being handed over to our allies. This violates the Christian conscience and a vigorous protest on the part of church people should be voiced.

Landlady: "You always sing when you take a shower. You must be a very happy man."

Boarder: "That's not the reason. The lock on the door is broken."—Watchword.

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Dr. Paul P. Anspach
writes from China "It is good to be back. Our problems are greater than I anticipated. The nation and the church have suffered much in these years. Now we are passing through a painful aftermath of the war, which in many respects, is even worse than the war period itself. All the more reason why the church and Christian leadership are needed here." What can we do to help Dr. Anspach and our Christian leaders in China? We can pray for them, give more generously to missions, and think above the color-line.

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"Your wife used to be terribly nervous. Now she's as cool as a cucumber. What cured her?"

"The doctor did. He told her that her kind of nervousness was the result of advancing age."—Advance.

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California Lutheranism
is spreading out. We knew it was growing intensively under the vigorous leadership of President Beasom. Now the Lutheran Church of Honolulu has joined the California Synod and Rev. E. Edward Hamme, recently a Navy chaplain, is to be the pastor. We will expect to hear that the Florida Synod has annexed Iceland. It is the good old California spirit! Hope it is contagious!

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"Why does an Indian wear a feather headdress?"

"To keep his wig wam."—Baptist Observer.

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Rev. Lawrence M. Reese,
recently discharged from the chaplaincy has accepted the call of the Parish and Church School Board to an associate secretaryship. He will succeed Dr. Edwin Spees as head of the youth department. Dr. Spees takes over leadership education and Secretary Getz will become editor of adult materials. Secretary Reese will bring to his work the experience of several years pastoral work and his more recent experiences in the army.

Guest Contributions

Presidential Message . . .

A Good Lead to Follow

The program of the whole church is, and has been, for many years, supported on a per capita basis. Is there any sound reason why the Brotherhood should not follow the lead of the church and adopt a $1.00 per year per man plan? However, we must remember it is not the plan that works the man, but the man that works the plan. Its ultimate success depends on the effort made by one man in each congregational organization. One man preferably the Brotherhood treasurer, in any congregation can easily secure $1.00 per year per man from seventy-five percent of the men of his congregation. I have tried that plan and I know it will work.

Men, quit being penny wise and pound foolish. Let us once and for all place our Brotherhood on a business basis. Officers of the congregational Brotherhoods, do not wait until the proposed plan is adopted by the Erie Convention, as I am confident it will be because I have faith in the men of the churches doing the right when they see it; but start on the new plan right now and make Brotherhood Sunday, October 20, 1946, a great ingathering.

L. F. Speckman

Where Was the Zeal?

It is related that when Theodore Roosevelt was a lad, he came home from church services with his mother, asking her, "But I didn't see the zeal, mother. Where was the zeal?" Uncomprehending, she asked him what he meant. "Why," said he, "the minister said, 'The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.' I didn't see the zeal. Where was it?" The preacher did not look as though he had been eaten up by anything, and the zeal was nowhere to be seen."

There isn't much **personal** zeal today for the salvation of souls. All of us are rather lackadaisical in our attitude. We are satisfied to let our church or denomination express our zeal for God's work. We give our contributions, and sometimes brag about them. But the passion for souls has cooled down greatly. Seldom if ever do we feel the urge to speak to our fellow men about the greater things in life. Our Lord "must needs go through Samaria" because an inquiring soul would come to Jacob's well. He must needs invite himself to the home of searching Zaccheus . . .

But whenever we meet someone with a passion for men we are warmed by their zeal. The other day as I walked from the printing shop a young man handed me a tract in a kind and polite manner. It was near the elevated station, and as I carried a package in one hand, he politely opened the door for me so I would not need to put the tract in my coat pocket. It was done in such a kind, friendly way that I could not help but feel his personal interest in me.

How different that zeal is from the spurious kind that centers around the individual himself. I mean these zealous individuals who are cantankerous in spirit, judging their fellow Christians by the religious shibboleths of themselves. Such are always "marching as to war," and put everyone on the defensive against them.

God give us compassion for the lost and love for our fellow believers. It is possible for us as a church organization to see only statistics, buildings, finances, and organizations, and never see a face, wistful, sin-scarred, lonely for God. Jesus saw nothing but faces, "fields white unto harvest." Real evangelism is still a one-by-one affair, and every one of us is bringing others somewhere.

—Covenant Weekly.

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Reclaiming the Lapsed Member

By Rev. Ray E. Kulman

The writer was born in Brooklyn, N. Y. on July 4, 1907. He was educated in the city school system and following graduation attended Gettysburg College where he received his B. S. in 1929. Before entering the seminary Pastor Kulman spent two years in business. His theological training was received in Mt. Airy Semnary from where he was graduated in 1934. Rev. Kulman was ordained by the New York Synod on May 30, 1934 and has served the following parishes; Zion Church, Rahway, N. J. 1934-35; Christ Church, Ghent, N. Y. 1935-1939; Atonement Church, Saugerties, N. Y. 1939-. In the New York Synod, Pastor Kulman is a member of the stewardship committee. The program of the Board of Social Missions for the reclaiming of lapsed members is under his direction since the resignation of Dr. O. W. Carlson.

Four hundred twenty four thousand two hundred forty three persons confirmed at Lutheran altars in the United Lutheran Church in America did not commune during 1944; 400,000 did not contribute to the support of the church; approximately 580,000 are absent from the services on the ordinary Sunday.

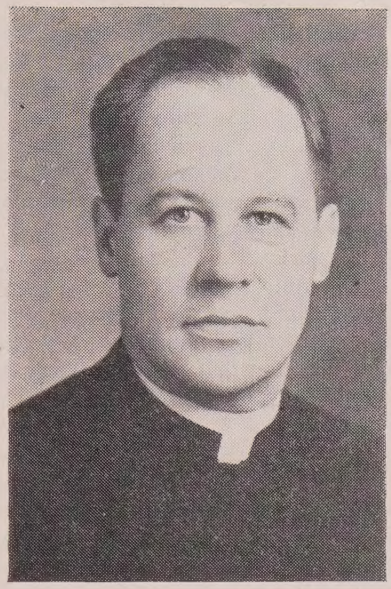
How startling these figures are! The casualties of the armed forces of the United States resulting in death in World War II nowhere approximate these figures. The gold stars on the service flag of every Lutheran congregation are eclipsed by the number of black stars whose lights have burned out on the banner of Christ. This number more than represents the combined population of Wyoming and Nevada, and would populate the eighteenth largest city in the United States, the City of the Lost. Reduced to the least common denominator of the average congregation, one out of every three members fails to commune, come, and contribute.

What a challenge that is to the Brotherhood! It is the only auxiliary in the United Lutheran Church in America committed outright to per-

sonal evangelism. Although education, life service, and missions are the threefold program of the Luther League, one, nevertheless, searches in vain for as definite an evangelical and evangelistic purpose as is embraced in two of the Brotherhood aims: Increase the attendance of men at the services of the church; win the outside man for Christ. How heartening it is to the church to have its man power harnessed to the task of evangelism, the supreme purpose of Christ.

Believing that the men of the church are dead serious in their committal to the will of Christ, the Board of Social Missions confronts the Brotherhood with the largest evangelistic mission in the history of the United Lutheran Church in America. Specifically it calls the Brotherhood to win back to Christ 424,243 members during the three month period begining Sept. 15th and ending Dec. 15th.

The only successful approach to this task is to face it with the mind of Christ. Whatever else we can say of these 424,243 men, women, and children, and there is much, we can at least say that it is the will of Christ that none of them should be lost. He told the story of a shepherd who, having a hundred sheep, lost one and went out to seek that which was lost until he found it. Every last one of them is precious to Him. If this number were reduced to a single person, still Christ would go out after this last one. What man of you would not do the same thing? Certainly, the cross speaks eloquently of the length to which Jesus went to seek the lost. It is his dictum, The servant shall be as his Lord. His last act was to die for men; His last command was to confront the world with the gospel; His last promise was His presence with His disciples. So earnestly did Christ long for the world that He promised that wherever and whenever men were committed to evangelism, He Himself would be in them, I say it reverently, peeking out through their eyes, speaking through their lips, and warming their hearts. I, if I be lifted up, He used to say, will draw all men unto Me. He will do the drawing through the lives of His followers. It is the sound of the holy name of Jesus that will kindle faith in men's hearts. No other approach will satisfy the Master. Every method that falls short of the mind of Christ is futile and doomed to fail.



Rev. Ray E. Kulman

Moreover, men committed to the evangelistic mission of Christ, will go out expecting to win these 424,243 lapsed members. The shepherd went out for one sheep because he expected to find it; the woman swept her house for the lost coin because she expected to recover it; the father sat on the house top scanning the horizon for the sight of his son because he expected to see him. Jesus told Peter, after he had toiled all night and caught nothing, to let down his net for a draught in order to teach that expectations are limitless when we are obedient to Him. He sent His followers out two by two into every village whither He himself would go because He expected them to get results. He gave commandment to go into all the world because He expects to save the world. When men go out in Jesus' name let them expect great results; let them expect to win 424,243 persons for Christ. Let the expectation be born out of the word of Jesus, Lo, I am with you even unto the end of the world.

Furthermore, men committed to the evangelistic mission of Christ will win through patient resolution. A woman in my congregation cans hundreds of jars of fruits and vegetables when they are in season. One day she showed me her larder and I could not help but ask, "How did you ever can so many jars?" She replied, "One by one". One by one they added up into the hundreds. It's a good principle to follow not only in canning fruits and vegetables but also in reclaiming the lapsed.

Finally, men committed to the evangelistic mission of Christ will surrender their abilities to Him. The task is great. It is within the mind of Christ; it must be faced with expectation; it can be accomplished through patient resolution. But all this is impossible without surrender to Him.

History is replete with the successful achievements of men who surrendered their lives to high goals. The discoveries in scientific medicine that mend our health, are the achievements of men who have surrendered their lives for the sake of mankind to work through long nights in laboratories. The greatest singers and concert artists are the ones who first surrendered their voices to greatest masters. Even the school boy knows that high marks come through the surrender of play for study and midnight oil.

But what happens when a man surrenders to God? Moses and Aaron, with nothing more than a shepherd's staff betwen them, stood before the might of Pharoah and eventually led over 600,000 Israelites out of Egypt. Gideon with an army of 300 men routed the Midianites. David, with a sling and five smooth stones, paved the way for the defeat of the Philistines, when he faced Goliath in the name of the living God. Eleven men, armed with the gospel of Christ, turned the world upside down so that the very leaders were forced to admit, Lo, we can do nothing for the whole world is gone after them. The greatest army that ever invaded Europe was four men; Paul, Silas, Timothy, and Barnabas. The apostle Paul, stoned, thrice whipped, often imperiled, writes irrefutable testimony, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Even a lad's surrendered lunch of barley loaves and fish were employed to feed 5000. Luther stood before the power of empire and papacy with his conscience fixed and surrendered to God's word to declare, Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. So help me God. Here is the vindication of the eternal word of Jesus, He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Sept. 15-Dec. 15th a new chapter will be written by the Brotherhood of what men can do when they are surrendered to Christ in the reclamation of lapsed members. To this end the following practical suggestions are offered:

1. Organize your Brotherhood for the evangelistic campaign of the

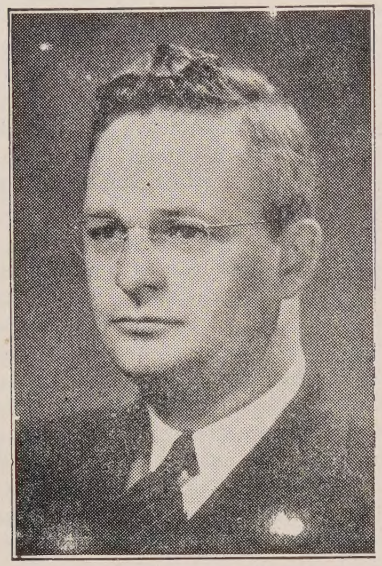
Board of Social Missions to Reclaim the Lapsed Member.

2. Offer the services of the Brotherhood to the Church Council in the movement to reclaim the lapsed member.

3. Attend the study groups which will be conducted by your pastor and learn the technique of visitation.

4. Go out in the name of Jesus, your personal Saviour, with great expectations, patient resolution, and a surrendered life.

The confidence of the Spirit is upon you to win men back to Christ.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Rev. A. E. Iverson, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Chairman, Lutheran Committee on Scouting.

Chairman Iverson has accepted an appointment to serve as Director of Protestant Relationships of The Boy Scouts of America, New York City. Brother Iverson will begin his new work on September 1st. He will also continue as Chairman of The Lutheran Committee on Scouting. Our prayers and hearty good wishes follow Brother Iverson in his new and larger field of service to Boy Scouting.

Jottings from A Journal

By Rev. Charles Masheck

A few weeks ago I was on a tour through the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina. Surely there is a sense of awe that dawns on any traveler witnessing such natural grandeur, a "deep calling unto deep" where the very elements spell out the name of the Creator. The mind slips into the familiar tributes of another day, "O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! in wisdom has Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches."

The Smokies, marked by streams and rapids that hew out of rock countless edifices, weird and magnificent; the Rhododendrons, like a river spilling over whole mountainsides; the impressive stand of trees capping the remotest heights and edges—what do they declare but a divine majesty?

Both nature and history witness to the might and the mercy of God, yet pathetically enough, the only part of all creation that is out of harmony with the purposes of God is man himself.

One man and his wife had a plan for security. Both of them worked day after day. They deprived themselves of the luxuries of life, and lived in the poverty stricken area of the city so that their rent would be low. There were no children because children were such an expense, and such a threat to the family income. After the labor of twenty-five years, they had enough money to relax their efforts, but in that longed for moment the blow was struck. The wife became ill very suddenly and died before the husband had time to absorb the shock of her illness.

"I no longer have anything to live for," has become his litany.

Is this not strangely similar to the situation which prompted Christ to conclude, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"

During the tragic LaSalle Hotel fire in Chicago not too long ago, a few lives were saved as those in peril followed the sound of a voice calling to them from a fire escape. An outsider can only imagine what emotions they felt as they worked toward that sound, now weak, now strong, to safety. How important hearing is! No wonder Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

There is a direct connection between hearing the word of God and keeping the Sabbath. Someone has remarked "Sunday is God's pause that refreshes." We know that machinery must rest if it is to last, that soil must occasionally lie fallow to recover mineral resources needed for a good harvest. The farmer who plows with a team of horses knows the wisdom of giving the team a few moments respite after several furrows have been turned.

Men must also pause from the physical and secular work of six days to absorb the spiritually creative moments of the Sabbath. One of the remarkable leaders of the German Church today, Dr. Hans Lilje, spoke in a sermon to his countrymen after V-E Day, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy . . . what an ideal of life was it when people had constantly to be kept busy and on the run? There was not one Sunday without a military drill. And you only have to rob a nation of its Sunday and you rob its soul. It is naive to believe that a nation could remain internally and externally healthy without a day of rest."

In too much of our repentance we have an eye to special advantages as if our change in attitude presented a powerful lobby before God who will therefore grant us a reward. Johnny promises to be a good boy, not because goodness is desirable, but because he has in mind asking his mother for a bicycle. The eyes of the true penitent are not squinting at some possible blessing, but are turned inward in contrition.

Democratic processes are often tied up by certain legal technicalities which are deftly used by minorities toward the achievement of ends contrary to the wishes of the majority. On the technicality that the chaplain had violated a rule by not reading the Lord's Prayer, a senator from Mississippi started a 17 days filibuster to defeat the Fair Employment Practices Bill, which was clearly favored by the majority of the Senate.

Very many of the Congressional rules and regulations are in dire need of re-vamping. The test for any rule or regulation in an organization is "does it make for greater efficiency?" If it confuses and causes the legislative machinery to bog down, it has no place in the rules of procedure.

Because of its geographical make-up, the Senate offers very peculiar possibilities for thwarting diligent and forward looking laws. A small group of men can swing the vote in almost any direction it chooses. Thus the Silver Block, representing the silver producing states, pushed through the Silver Purchase Act which dictates the price at which the Govern-

ment must buy silver, and forces it to buy twice as much as the Government actually needs.

These technicalities also exist in State and Municipal governments in varying degrees and fashions. One recent example can be cited in the Georgia gubernatorial election in which James Carmichael had a plurality of over 25,000 votes, yet, because of a peculiar county unit system of counting ballots, Eugene Talmadge, was elected governor.

We still need citizens who are "minute men," alert to the needs of the majority, yet ready to give justice to the minority.

One Sunday School student asked the other day, "Pastor, you claim that all true marriage must have a spiritual basis if it is to succeed. How can you prove a statement like that?"

Is the answer really so difficult? The survival power of marriage depends on the husband and wife having an adequate respect toward each other's personality. There must be some basis for give and take, a basis which is certainly rooted in forgiveness. Where else does one learn respect for the personalities of others than in the Christian faith? What other faith makes "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" a petition in its central prayer?

Forgiveness is the test of true love because forgiveness is the best part of love. Is it not also the best part of the gospel?

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Weather Permitting

By Rev. R. R. Belter, D.D.

This is another of Dr. Belter's inspiring little editorials. You have tickets for the opera or a show—it rains cats and dogs—do you call a taxi and go? Of course. How about the rain on Sunday morning? Well?

Mark Twain once remarked that "everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." Well, the role of "weather" in the last war was an important one. Generals planned their attacks after first being advised by weather bureaus. We are told that "the Japanese consulate in Honolulu telephoned weather reports to Tokio the night before the attack" at Pearl Harbor. Weather concerns us all, whether we are farmers, captains on ships, pilots of planes, sports-promoter, road-builder, contractor—or Church attendant.

Isn't it strange how much depends upon "weather"? Recently we had a surprise when we learned that the Hawaiian language had no word for weather. It seems that the climate is so constant that there is little occasion to refer to this item. We wondered how these good people ever started a conversation, how they found an outlet for their complaints—or how they could find an ever-ready excuse for not attending Church services. It is so convenient to say: "It's raining, and we might get a cold," or to lullaby the conscience with: "It's too hot." It can be TOO cold for praising God in a Divine Service, but this same cold can be met and braved for the afternoon or evening moving picture. The children are kept home from Sunday School because of "weather," but Monday's Public School is always a "must."

"Weather permitting!" I thought of this statement a few weeks ago. It was at a funeral. It was raining. No one thought of postponing that funeral. The dead must be buried. Those who have fallen asleep must be put to rest, even in a storm. Did you ever see anyone postpone a wedding "because of rain " Did you expect a factory to interrupt a scheduled routine because of a "steady snow?" If death takes no holiday, then soul-nurture should never postpone or procrastinate. If it is true that "scarcely" are the righteous saved (1 Peter 4:18), then it is only common sense to go where there is sermonizing on "Jesus' blood and righteousness," so that we can, in His Robe, stand before our God.

"Weather pemitting!" As you study the heavens, you will admit that they do "declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1), that they have many a story to tell. They also are a good barometer of a man's faith. To attend Church at any time is a privilege for the attendant, and it is a reminder to every house which is passed. To attend Church when there is inclement weather is a sign (to be read of all men) that faith is strong. Whatever we do or whatever we omit to do preaches a sermon for the neighbors to "see." What sort of sermon do we preach on Sunday mornings? One elderly woman once said that she made a special effort on Sundays when weather was not too favorable to attend services. "We need need to be true to Him Who was obedient unto death to me."
to encourage each other, we need to encourage our pastor, and, most of all, I need to know for myself, that I

Whether or not weather "permits" or not, to us Church attendance ought to be a regular habit. Our Lord is very specific about reminding us to "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." This injunction has no "ifs" attached to it except those which fall into the category of sickness, works of necessity. All other absence is contrary to His wish. God's mercies are constant; our allegiance should be constant as well. He cannot deny Himself, we should not deny Him by half-hearted zeal and divided allegiance. And anyway, HE sent the rain or the snow, the sleet or the wind, and if He sent it, it is a necessity. He knows our needs; He cares for our bodily wants; He asks us to feed our souls with the Bread of Life, and He asks that this be done in spite of weather. Let us then stop being "weather" minded.

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Pray for the Erie Convention!

Remember the theme: Rebuilding for Christ Through Evangelism, Boys Work, Christion Stewardship, and Lutheran Unity.

Somebody's Mother!

Lutheran World Action offers opportunity to our Brotherhood to play son to countless destitute mothers.

The Executive Secretary's

MONTHLY MESSAGE

MR. EARLE W. BADER, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

J. MILTON DECK

Our faithful brother was called from his labors on July 3, 1946.

It is my sad duty to report the death of J. Milton Deck, Philadelphia, Pa., a member of the U.L.C.A. Brotherhood Executive Committee. Brother Deck was stricken with a heart attack on the afternoon of July 3rd and passed away shortly thereafter at the Philadelphia General Hospital.

His passing has removed one of the Brotherhood's most efficient and ardent supporters. For more than a quarter of a century this humble and unselfish Christian churchman worked unceasingly to organize our Lutheran laymen for more efficient service for the Master.

J. Milton Deck was born in St. Michael's Lutheran parsonage, Germantown, Philadelphia, May 12, 1885, the Rev. J. P. Deck and Martha Hunter, his parents. Rev. Deck was called to the newly organized Redeemer Lutheran Church, Binghamton, N. Y. in 1889 and after nine months' service he was fatally stricken. The Deck family returned to Philadelphia where J. Milton successively graduated from Central High School; University of Pennsylvania and the Pierce Business College. He became a prominent public accountant. During 35 years Mr. Deck served as Sunday School Superintendent successively, in the Trinity Lutheran Church and the St. John's Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pa. He became a member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church a few years ago and was serving on the Church Council at the time of his death.

Brother Deck's influence and qualities of leadership won him renown in The United Lutheran Church as well as The American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods where he labored in the cause of unity and cooperation among all of the Brotherhood Bodies in America. His amazing record of Philadelphia Church activities includes the following: Secretary; Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Council; Inner Mission Society of Philadelphia and vicinity for 35 years, and 15 years its Treasurer. President; Lutheran Social Union; Philadelphia Lutheran Sunday School Superintendents Association; Philadelphia Conference Luther League Treasurer; Gethsemane School of Christian Education and member of the Philadelphia Bible School Workers Conference, also Secretary of the Stewardship Committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. He was also honored as President of the Philadelphia Conference Brotherhood, Ministerium of Pennsylvania Synodical Brotherhood, U.L.C.A. Brotherhood and The American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods. He was a frequent delegate to U.L.C. conventions.

Mr. Deck married Marguerite M. Marshall, Philadelphia, November 10, 1911. Mrs. Deck, their daughter Helen, and a brother B. Franklin Deck, Gloucester, N. J., are the sole survivors. A brother, Rev. Luther P. Deck, died in Vancouver, Wash. a few years ago. Rev. Deck's widow and daughter live in Philadelphia.

The remains of Mr. Deck were viewed in the St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on Monday evening, July 8th, and burial services were held in the church at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 9th. The Revs. M. J. Bieber, D.D. and Theodore K. Finck, D.D. officiated. His body was laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery, Philadelphia.

The staff at Brotherhood Headquarters join with the Lutheran pastors and laymen everywhere in extending our christian sympathy and compassion to Mrs. Deck and her bereaved family.

No finer tribute can be paid than the following by Dr. Bieber: In Mr. Deck's Home-going, the laymen of the entire Lutheran Church in North America have lost an aggressive and dependable leader; St. Stephen's congregation and Church Council, a consecrated, energetic member; the business world, an able co-worker; the community and city of Philadelphia, an outstanding personality of wholesome, christian character and influence; the family, a beloved husband and father—and all who knew him, a loyal friend. J. Milton Deck fought a good fight. He kept the faith—he wears a crown.

Calling All Ministers and Laymen To Register and Attend The Erie Convention October 2, 3, 4, 1946

Every pastor and layman is cordially invited to register and attend the Fifteenth Biennial Convention of The Brotherhood of the U.L.C.A. in the **Ford (Richford) Hotel, Erie, Penna., October 2-3-4, 1946.** The Convention Sessions and Fellowship Banquet will be held in the Masonic Temple, Erie, Pa.

This first peace-time convention will be one of the most critical meetings in the history of the Brotherhood. The unparalleled growth of our organization, places upon each layman the immediate responsibility for developing plans to coordinate the future expansion of the Brotherhood.

Important Matters to Be Considered

The Convention Theme—**"Rebuilding for Christ"**—suggests the vital need for spiritual reconsecration at home and abroad. The "Six Objectives" of the Brotherhood will be emphasized at the Convention Sessions and special consideration will be given to **Evangelism — Boy Scouting — Christian Stewardship** and **Lutheran Unity.**

Brotherhood Officers' Conference

An important meeting of the U.L.C.A., Synodical and Conference Brotherhood Officers will be held on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 2nd. The recommendation of this Conference will serve as a guide for the convention in setting up a new financial program which will effect every Brotherhood organization in the Church.

President Franklin Clark Fry, New York City, President of the U.L.C.A., and the national Brotherhood officers will attend the Conference. An opportunity will also be given to discuss specific problems arising from Brotherhood promotion in the field. All Brotherhood officers are urgently requested to attend this meeting.

Local Committee Arrangements

The Erie Committees have been working on the convention details for many months, and if you and your family and friends are fortunate enough to attend the convention, you will find a grand reception awaiting you.

Register Now for the Convention Reports

We are planning for an "on-the-spot" report of the Erie Convention "High-lights." These "High-lights" will be ready for distribution at the close of the Convention on Friday afternoon, October 4th. They will give you a day by day account of the important actions of the convention and should enable you to make an intelligent report based on facts, to the October or November meetings of your congregational Brotherhoods.

Kindly clip the **Registration** blank appearing on page 13 and mail with **Two Dollar** fee and you will receive the convention packet, including souvenir program and badge, together with the convention issue of LUTHERAN MEN. This is in addition to the Convention High-lights and the complete convention minutes which are the official record of all of our conventions.

Every pastor and interested layman should register now and be assured of this valuable information.

Reserve Your Hotel and Travel Accommodations

If you are planning to attend the convention, we respectfully suggest the following:

(1) That you return the Registration blank with remittance to Brotherhood Headquarters, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to receive your convention delegate credentials.

(2) Clip the Hotel Reservation card appearing on page 13 and mail to J. D. Magenau, Esq., 314 Shenley Drive, Erie, Pennsylvania, Chairman, Hotel and Housing Committee, with the desired information. Be sure to indicate whether you prefer accommodations in a hotel or in a private home with a Lutheran family.

Convention Sessions

The convention will open with a Brotherhood Service in the Luther Memorial Church, Erie, Pa. on Wednesday evening, October 2nd. The business sessions will start on Thursday morning, October 3rd and continue through Friday, October 4th in the Masonic Temple, Erie, Pa.

Fellowship Banquet

The Fellowship Banquet has become a traditional event at our conventions. We again extend a cordial invitation to the ladies to be our guests on this enjoyable occasion. The banquet will be held on Thursday evening, October 3rd with formal or informal dress, as desired. The uncertainty regarding food costs, menus, etc. will make it impossible to accept advance banquet reservations. The Masonic Temple Ballroom (where the banquet will be held) has a comfortable setting capacity of 1200 persons, and your banquet tickets can be procured from the local committee when you arrive at the convention.

N.B. — The Brotherhood will not have done its duty until every congregation in the U.L.C.A. meets its LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION quota in full.

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Brotherhood Sunday, Oct. 20th

Brotherhood Sunday will be observed on the third Sunday in October—**October 20th,** as a red-letter day in most of the Lutheran churches throughout the United States and Canada.

A Brotherhood Sunday packet has been mailed to the pastor and president of each men's organization in the U.L.C.A. This year's packet contains a handsome poster, sermon outline, 28th anniversary offering envelopes, special tracts, literature order blank and program suggestions for addresses, in addition to a six-page Brotherhood Sunday Service folder. This folder is based on the Erie Convention Theme **Rebuilding for Christ.**

Arrange Your Brotherhood Sunday Program Now

The 1946 Brotherhood Sunday packet was placed in the mails on September first in ample time to arrange your Brotherhood Sunday observance.

The success of your Brotherhood Sunday service will depend upon the wholehearted cooperation of your pastor and men's group. Your Brotherhood officers should meet with their pastor and representatives of the church council and arrange a challenging program to include several brief talks by your Brotherhood members on some phase of Brotherhood work. Many pastors will wish to preach a special sermon, and while this is very desirable, an opportunity should also be given the laymen to participate in the service.

You can avoid disappointment by inviting your guest speakers now.

28th Anniversary Offering

A packet of twenty-five envelopes to receive your individual 28th anniversary offering has been mailed to the president or pastor of each men's group in the U.L.C.A. These envelopes are to be distributed at your September meeting and will be received and consecrated for the promotional work of the U.L.C.A. Brotherhood at your Brotherhood Sunday Service on October 20, 1946.

The 28th anniversary offering will be used to establish new congregational Brotherhoods and supply sample copies of LUTHERAN MEN and organization material to prospective Brotherhoods in all synods of the U.L.C.A. A portion of the anniversary offering receipts will be devoted to chaplain's subscription fund to supply LUTHERAN MEN to our army and navy chaplains, service and contact pastors, in addition to the reading rooms in our Lutheran Service Centers and the military training camps.

Your congregational Brotherhood treasurer is requested to forward check or money order payable to the U.L.C.A. Brotherhood, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa., and designated for anniversary offering, **not later than October 31, 1946.** If your Brotherhood Sunday service will not be held prior to this date, may we ask that your members bring their anniversary offering envelopes to your November meeting.

Program Suggestions

Some Brotherhoods may find it desirable to arrange a Brotherhood Sunday program that will have a more specific appeal to their groups. It is with this idea in mind that we respectfully submit the following program suggestions:

Hymns:

"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"
"The Church's One Foundation"
"Rise, Ye Children of Salvation"
"Onward, Christian Soldiers"
"The Son of God Goes Forth To War"
"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
"Lord Speak to Me that I May Speak"
"Christ for The World We Sing"
"The Sign of the Cross and the Heart"

Psalms:

Nos. 46, 84, 89, 90, 91, 100, 103, 145

Scripture Lessons:

Deuteronomy 10:12-21
Matthew 22:34-36
Romans 12
Ephesians 6:10-17
St. John 15:1-16
I Corinthians 16:13
I John 5:4
I John 4:7-21
Nehemiah 4:6

Subjects for Addresses:

"Faithful Men"
"Forward with Christ"
"The Brotherhood, Its Purpose and Program"
"Sharing The Wealth"
"The Brotherhood Objectives"
"A Serving Manhood"
"The Brotherhood, A Field of Service"
"Onward, Christian Soldiers"
"Laymen Witnessing for Christ"
"Our Call to Service"
"Ministering To Our Service-Men"
"Victory Through Christ"
"Brotherhood Loyalty"
"Rebuilding For Christ"

Topics for Five-Minute Talks:

"Our Brotherhood —
a. Its accomplishments
b. Program for the coming year."
"Why Have An Annual Brotherhood Service?"
"What the Brotherhood Offers to our Men"
"What the Brotherhood Has Meant to Me"
"How the Brotherhood Can Best Serve Our Pastor and Congregation"
"The LUTHERAN MEN 'Topics'"

We invite you to write to Brotherhood Headquarters for additional Brotherhood Sunday suggestions, and sample copies of LUTHERAN MEN, and other literature and merchandise items to make your service interesting and profitable.

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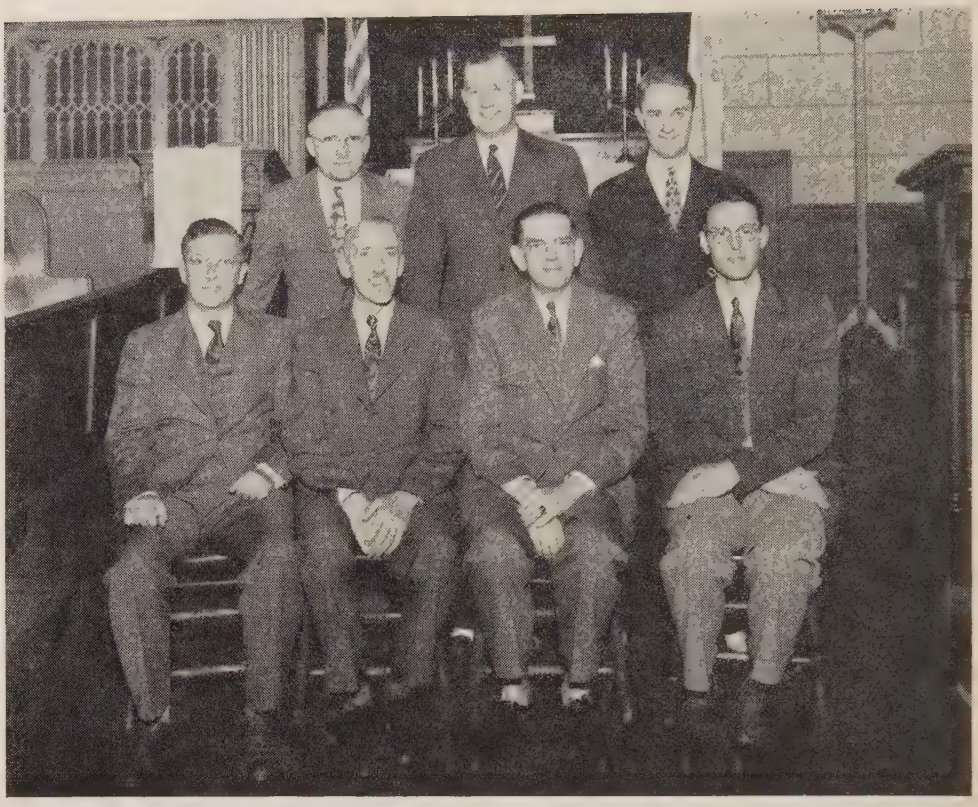
Tommy: "Any windows or anything broken?"

Neighbor: "No."

Tommy: "Thanks. It's mine."— Baptist Observer.



This Is the Erie Executive Committee

Front row—left to right: L. P. Ebisch, Chairman, Badge and Printing Committee; C. E. Schnur, Banquet Chairman; W. E. Pfister, General Chairman; Rev. J. E. Bermon, Chairman Ministerial Committee.

Back row—left to right: J. D. Magenau, Chairman of Housing Committee; R. Brown, Chairman of Finance Committee; and Charles Kappelt, Chairman of Publicity Committee.

When this picture was taken Brother Hugo Eberle, Chairman of the Service Committee was not present.

Iowa Synodical Brotherhod Officers

Reading from left to right: John England, Muscatine, Iowa, Vice-President; Charles Glassford, Jr., Council Bluffs, Iowa, President; Harry Rohwer, Sr., Clinton, Iowa, Secretary; and William V Wilson, Newton, Iowa, Treasurer.

15th BIENNIAL CONVENTION — U.L.C.A. Brotherhood
Erie, Pa. — October 2-3-4, 1946
Mail This Reservation Card to MR. JACKSON D. MAGENAU, ESQ.,
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NOTE—
Due to the shortage of hotel accommodations, a number of our delegates and visitors will be assigned rooms with Lutheran families in Erie who will arrange for their transportation to and from the Convention Headquarters.

Be sure to indicate whether you prefer to stay at a hotel or in a private home.

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THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
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62 E. Garrison St., Bethlehem, Pa.
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NOTE—This registration entitles you to receive handsome souvenir badge, and convention program, also packet of Brotherhood materials, including convention Highlights and November issue of LUTHERAN MEN and several items of new Brotherhood literature, and complete convention minutes, regardless of whether you attend the convention or not.

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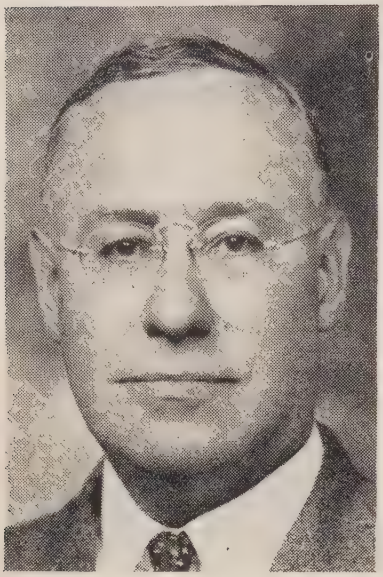

J. Milton Deck

J. Milton Deck was an untiring thinker and worker in the Brotherhood cause, not only in the United Lutheran Church but among Lutherans everywhere.

After serving six years successfully a President of The Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America, he was elected and served as President of The American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods.

His service as a member of the Administrative and Executive Committees was marked by a sincere and steadfast faith in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. His wise counsel and unerring judgment in the deliberations of those committees was most valuable to the other officers and members of both committees.

Although possessed of a keen analytical mind which enabled him to see clearly on all questions of policy coming before the committees, it was always evident that he did not depend upon the power of his mind alone, but placed a great reliance upon God, and in that faith he moved and acted.

He always placed the weight of his influence upon every effort to organize and train for service all of the men of the Church regardless of rank. His passing is deeply mourned by those of us who have worked with him, and knew him best.

He truly was a servant of the most high God.

Lawrence F. Speckman
President

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Life does not consist in what a man possesses, according to the Bible, but in what possesses him.—Baptist Standard.

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You Are Invited!

Dear Brother,

Meet me at Erie October 2nd! You'll be glad you came!

Yours truly,

Ed.

ATTENTION!!
ERIE CONVENTION DELEGATES

The unavoidable delay in placing the June-July issue of LUTHERAN MEN into the mails has made it impossible for many of our delegates to register for the Erie Convention by August 1st.

The Executive Committee has therefore extended the time for *registration* of the *official Convention Delegates to September 15th.*

Please clip the Registration Blank in this issue and forward to Brotherhood Headquarters, 62 East Garrison St., Bethlehem, Pa. with the accompanying fee of $2.00.

Earle W. Bader,
Executive Secretary.

Lutheran Boy Scouts

● **MR. EARLE W. BADER, Director**
Boy Scout Committee of The Brotherhood of The U.L.C.A.
Headquarters, 62 E. Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa.
DR. GEORGE A. EICHLER, Editor

The Second Scout Law

A Scout is Loyal—

He is loyal to all whom loyalty is due, his Scout leader, his home and parents and country.

The Unveiling of the Statue of

Major General John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg, Revolutionary patriot, preacher and statesman, took place on the campus of Muhlenberg College on Sunday, July 31. It was a Service of Commemoration, honoring the 200th anniversary of the birth of Muhlenberg and was sponsored by the Brotherhood of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania. It was an impressive program, attended by a large audience from all parts of the Synod.

A pilgrimage to Muhlenberg College and the statue of General Muhlenberg would be a most worthwhile one for Boy Scouts of the whole Ministerium. It would also serve to bring together hundreds of Lutheran Boy Scouts from the different parts of the synod.

Scouts are very much interested in history. They are natural hero worshippers. The life story of Peter Muhlenberg would thrill them and give them worthy ideals to follow. "There is a time for all things," he told his Virginia Congregation one Sunday in January, 1776, "a time to preach and a time to pray. But there is also a time to fight and that time has come!"

He was one of Washington's most trusted aides and served with great distinction on many battlefields of the first war for freedom.

After the war he served in many public offices including the first, third, and sixth congresses of the United States and was the first speaker of the House of Representatives.

The statue is a replica in bronze of the one which stands in Memorial Hall in Washington, D. C.

He was born on October 1, 1746, and died on his birthday 61 years later. A pilgrimage on or near this date of October 1 is suggested for the Scouts of the Ministerium. We would be glad to assist in arranging a suitable program.

The Vesper Circle

at Camp Trexler, the Boy Scout Camp of Lehigh Council with Headquarters in Allentown, Pa., is a unique institution. It is a sincere and practical attempt to make real to boys the meaning of the twelfth Scout Law, A Scout is Reverent.

The Circle is located on the east side of a lake on a hillside facing the west. The Circle was started in 1927 when the camp was opened. Evergreen trees have been planted around the Circle. A path leads into the only entrance of the Circle through a gateway above which is inscribed, "A Scout is Reverent." The moment the Scout enters the Circle he removes his hat and remains silent until he leaves the Circle.

Procedure within the Circle:

1. Scouts and Scouters join hands to complete the Circle.
2. All face the west for a moment silent devotion.
3. Scouts and Scouters are seated and camp director introduces the speaker.
4. Five to ten minute talk on subject in harmony with 12th Scout Law. Speaker stands in front of rock known as pulpit rock.
5. Group rises and places hands on shoulders of ones next to them, the whole group swaying left and right while singing the Buddy Song.
6. The Scoutmaster's Benediction —and now may the Great Master of all good Scouts be with us till we meet again. Scouts and Scouters file out.

This ceremony is held every night in the week throughout the camping season. In case of inclement weather it is held in the Scouters Memorial Lodge.

There Should Be a Cub Pack

in your church. Cubbing is described by the Boy Scouts of America as a year-round, home-centered program of boy-action, boy-achievement, boy-health and boy-helpfulness—developed through much scientific research and testing, by the Boy Scouts of America.

It is a part of the general Scout Program and has been developed for parents of 9, 10 and 11-year-old boys to use with and for their sons. It makes good use of a period in your boy's life that might otherwise be left to pure chance. It gives your boy something to work for—something to look forward to—and the program is as American as the American home.

The Cub learns to respect his God, his country, his home and his fellow men. The ideals and activities of Cubbing contribute in the best possible way toward the battle of life and the fullest appreciation of American citizenship.

Cubbing gives your boy—opportunities to do interesting things—games, handicrafts, nature lore, collections, stunts, hobbies — in his own back yard — with sympatheti-

Thank You, Americans!

This little fellow from Fuerth knows what Lutheran World Action means. Maybe your gifts helped clothe him against the cold.

cally trained leaders and natural boy companions.

Opportunities to do things for others (a vital part of good citizenship) —to take responsibility and find satisfaction in carrying his share of the load.

Opportunities to find more pleasure in and around his home and neighborhood.

A boy is naturally proud of something that he creates or accomplishes. Recognition for a job well done is as gratifying to a Cub as to an adult.

The Cub Program includes a Plan of Advancement through which boys "learn by doing"—and receive recognition in the form of badges and ranks.

There are three ranks. Wolf Cub at 9 years, Bear Cub at 10 and Lion Cub at 11. The boy does certain things before he can earn the Cub Rank for his age. The activities are so planned that in each rank the boy does things which express a little more skill, a little greater responsibility than was expected of him in the preceding rank. And it is Dad and Mother who must certify that each activity has been done in a satisfactory manner so that their boy earns the right to advance to the next rank.

This Achievement Program is packed full of boy adventures. It includes practically every natural boy interest and desire. It is doing for the fun of "doing," not doing for the sake of getting! The badge is secondary— the fun is the thing!

With a program like this, you can see how Cubbing is a desirable preliminary to Boy Scouting. Your boy will want to go into Scouting on his twelfth birthday, and he will find that his Cub training has given him an invaluable head start.

A Cub Den is made up of boys from a small neighborhood who naturally play together on vacant lots or in back yards. One of the boys, called the Denner, is selected as the boy leader of the group. The Den Chief is a Boy Scout from a neighboring Troop, who comes to the Den once a week to conduct their weekly meeting. The Den Mother, usually the mother of one of the Cubs, keeps an eye on the youngsters and gives help and advice when needed.

Once a month, the Pack (a group of Dens) meets, with parents taking part, in a sort of rally-get-together at the sponsoring institution, usually a church or a Sunday school, where the Cubmaster of the Pack and the parents witness progress made during the previous month and help plan things for Den and Pack meetings to come.

At the Den meeting a Cub usually starts some activity. Perhaps it's a piece of handicraft, or practicing a stunt for the next Pack meeting. Then during the week, with Mother and Dad to help and encourage him, he finishes his handicraft or perfects his stunt. If it happens to be something required in one of the Cub Achievements, then Mother or Dad signs in his book that he has done a satisfactory job. (The Cubs' parents sign all Achievements as their son passes them.) Thus Mother and Dad and the home tie in with Cubbing every day in the week, as well as once a month at Pack meeting.

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An Open Forum

So many grown-ups don't go to church and so many who do attend take the whole matter so lightly and carelessly that I am wondering whether adults really are interested in religion.

Universal statements are rarely true, so no one can say that all adults are one thing or another. There are many different kinds.

Some adults are spiritually dead. They worship neither in public nor in private, neither at home nor anywhere else. And some of those whose noses may be counted on Sunday morning are somewhere else in spirit. A few show themselves in church for the sake of respectability, business, politics, or social standing.

The wide-spread reluctance in regard to accepting responsibility and giving time to the work of the church is a matter which concerns every earnest worker. In some instances it alarms us. The church has a large and pressing work to do. Not nearly all of it can be done by full-time workers; it is too extensive. Many volunteer helpers are needed on every front. And if they are not forthcoming large parts of the work will remain undone for lack of workers. The organized cause of Christ will be crippled.

Many adults and young people are deeply interested in religion and mightily concerned that the church shall not fall down on the job. Others do not seem to care; at least they do nothing to help. And the indifferent are constantly influencing others toward disinterest and inactivity.

Those who have the church's welfare at heart are called upon to do more than their share. And part of that effort ought to be directed toward selecting, inspiring, enlightening, and guiding new workers into new tasks. And we have to remember that many of them will need help and encouragement for a long time until they are able to stand on their own feet and bear responsibility for themselves.

Sometime ago when the question of wealth and poverty was being discussed in our class one man objected and insisted that we keep to religion and the Gospel, and not dabble in sociology and economics. Many of us believe that the discussion was quite in order. We felt that the individual referred to was really defending himself and some of his practices. Must we omit from consideration things that mean so much to a large number of men, women, and children?

Nothing human is alien to Christianity. In trying to solve human problems we find our main help in the Bible—especially in the teaching of Jesus, the prophets, and the apostles. They all dealt with social and economic issues—and in no uncertain terms.

Any matter that touches the welfare of souls at present or in the future has a place in the church and its scheme of religious education—certainly in an adult class. To bar such topics is to weaken both education and religion.

Does anyone believe that God placed the base and precious metals, the coal and other minerals, in the earth to be exploited for the enrichment and luxury of a few, and for the enslavement and impoverishment of many? Jesus taught that every life is infinitely precious and sacred.

Is there any place in the Scriptures where we are counseled to bow down and worship the great god Profit?

Where in holy Writ is there a statement that some races are superior and others inferior?

Is it Christian to draw a line between the highly favored and the underprivileged people?

If these matters are not to be mentioned or gone into at will what is there that concerns human welfare that can be discussed?

What can we do about men and women who will not enroll or attend a class? Shall we give them up and forget them?

Giving them up and forgetting them is only a last resort—and a confession of failure. The psychology of salesmanship shows that sales are not usually made on the first, second, third, or fourth call—not until the fifth call. Aren't we church workers too ready to give up after a few efforts?

Winning people calls for the utmost of patience, effort, and resourcefulness. If one visitor does not succeed in winning a man, a woman, or a family, let someone else make the next call. A different personality may solve the problem. In these efforts friendship ought to be cultivated, common interests emphasized, invitations given to fellowship occasions as well as to study sessions. And make sure that on the occasion when that person comes the session is attractive and worthwhile, and no less so on later occasions.

There are those to whom no appeal will be convincing. To them the home department may be offered. The visitor from that department should make a visit and explain how the department operates. Let the prospective student sign the enrollment card. He should then be given the home department lesson book (*The Augsburg Uniform Series for the Home*) and a three-month offering envelope.

The visitor should then make a visit at least once in three months, presenting a new lesson book and receiving the offering for the quarter. He should answer any questions about the Sunday school, congregation, or the lessons, and do anything else possible to link the student up with the church.

Some Sunday schools provide some form of work to be done at home for the church, and they also provide a certain number of social occasions for home department members at the church. A special service for home department members is held once a year in some congregations. The more good visiting is done and the more response we can call forth from the student the more we are likely to accomplish.

Topic of the Month

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The Challenge To Improve The Community

Topic for October, 1946

AIM: To discover the most pressing needs of the community; to become acquainted with the church's program of social missions which is intended to help meet these needs; and to help members of the Brotherhood to take steps which will result in community improvement.

NOTE: This month's topic is so practical in nature that it should be the occasion of lively discussion at Brotherhood meetings. Emphasis should be placed upon the needs which exist in the local community. The material found below should be used merely to stimulate thought. The needs which are greatest in one community will not at all exist in other communities, and therefore no effort should be made to use and discuss all the material found below. Items not even mentioned in the topic material may be much more important for your community than those mentioned.

Worship

Hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name—No. 131 C.S.B., or No. 185 P.S.H.
The Brotherhood Order of Service
Scripture: Psalm 1
Collects No. 28 and No. 74 C.S.B.
Hymn, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"—No. 235 C.S.B., or No. 169 P.S.H.

The Topic

Every earnest Christian should do all within his power to help improve the community in which he is living. Unless Christians take the lead in working for the improvement of their communities there is little likelihood that marked improvements will take place. The problems confronting our communities present an inescapable challenege to us.

Last month the suggestion was made that two committees be appointed to bring in independent reports on "Our Community's Outstanding Needs". The entire periods of the Brotherhood meeting could be devoted to a discussion of these reports. The material below would then be used merely to stimulate thought. If the committees are not prepared to report the leader may select some of the items below for discussion. Under any circumstances the discussion should lead to definite individual and group action.

Items That Deserve Attention

In considering the things that should be improved in our community we might well give thought to the following:

1. **Our congregation's program for children and young people.** Do we have a plan whereby we enroll as many children of the community as possible in our Sunday school and church immediately after birth? Do we make a sufficient effort to enroll the children of unchurched families? Do we then follow through with an adequate program for all age groups —a program that on each age level stresses worship, study, fellowship, and service? Or are there some gaps in our educational program so that one of these four elements is not sufficiently stressed for certain age groups? Let us make no mistake about it, if the Christian churches of our communities will sufficiently strengthen their programs many community problems will be solved.

2. **Family devotions.** The most influential school upon earth is still the home. Here character is being molded. The home needs the strength and guidance which come through family worship. Communities would be greatly improved if Brotherhoods could introduce family devotions into every family.

3. **Juvenile delinquency.** The average age of criminals has now fallen below 19 years of age. The age group which showed the greatest increase in crime last year was the 18 year old girls. What can you do in your community to help solve this problem? Has the "big brother plan" and the "big sister plan" been used? Has scouting been adequately supported? Has the Sunday school received the encouragement which it deserves?

4. **Movies** have a profound influence upon shaping the thought and actions of millions of people. What kind of movies are being shown in your community? What steps are being taken to exclude harmful movies and encourage wholesome movies?

5. **Use of leisure time** profoundly influences both individual and community life. Brotherhoods could render a fine service by sponsoring various hobby clubs for young and old.

6. **Camping** provides a desirable outlet for excess energies and a splendid opportunity to enhance constructive Christian living. An increasing number of synods and other groups within our church are purchasing camp sites for use by young people. Is an accessible camp at the disposal of your young people? Can something further be done to make it possible for boys and girls and young people of your congregation to enjoy a period at a Christian camp each summer?

7. **Recreational facilities.** Does your community provide satisfactory recreational facilities for all age groups, including playgrounds and parks? Are there places where young people can meet for happy fellowship, or does your community's lack of proper provisions encourage young people to find secluded spots where they may park their cars and engage in questionable fellowship? Would the health and morals of your community be improved if the Brotherhood took steps to provide a recreational center for young people, this center either connected with your church or supported in co-operation with other congregations?

8. **Training in courtship, sex, and family living.** Does your congregation and community provide adequate guidance for young people in the matter of courtship, and for all age groups in the matter of Christian family living? Are the ideas which young people get about courtship, sex, and family life limited to the things that they learn at the movies or from other young people, or are steps taken to present these important topics from the Christian point of view? Our church has provided a whole series of courses dealing with these topics for all age groups junior to adult. These courses should be used in the local congregation. Information may be obtained from the Parish and Church School Board 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

9. **Intemperance** has been greatly on the increase. Are there roadhouses, clubs, or cafes in your community

which should be closed? What steps can members of the Brotherhood take to rid their community of the dens that breed sin and vice, and what steps can be taken to provide sound instruction in temperance?

10. **Divorce** now looms as a major social problem. Students of social trends are warning us that unless vigorous steps are taken to counteract the present trends we will, within a few years, reach the point where 50% of all marriages will end in divorce courts.

11. **Vocational guidance** should be provided for young people in every community. There is a likelihood that in the years ahead there will be a great lack of carpenters, plumbers, brick layers, tailors, and other skilled workmen, while the "white collar" groups will be overcrowded. All young people should be given the best possible education. But it is wrong to believe that all education must eventuate in professional or clerical work. Some young people are better suited for manual work.

12. **Integration of service personnel into the life of the community** will present a real problem in some cases. These young men and women were frequently taken out of their communities before they had sunk their roots into community life. Their interests had been confined largely to home ,church, and school. Now they are coming back to our communities, matured in years and in experience. Will they be permitted to live segregated lives, or will they be led to participate actively in community affairs and make their contribution which is so sorely needed? What steps along this line can members of the Brotherhood take?

13. **Adequate care for the aged.** In spite of old age pensions, old folks' homes, and other steps to care for the aged it is likely that the next years will find the problems of caring for the aged on the increase. What can Brotherhood men do?

14. **Black market and other social problems.** Christians cannot live apart from the world. Just because they have definite Christian convictions members of the Brotherhood have the obligation to exert a strong and constructive influence to conquer social evils and find solutions to social problems.

15. **Housing problems** will be with us for some years. Are government agencies following procedures which are most desirable, and are members of the Brotherhood making their convictions known to leaders in political life? What additional steps could be taken in your community to solve the probem of housing?

16. **Medical care.** Does your community make adequate provision for the medical care of all age groups? Is there a community nurse, and is her work properly supported and properly supervised? Have provisions been made so that those who cannot afford to pay for the services of a doctor may yet have such service when it is needed?

17. **Safeguards for health.** Have satisfactory provisions been made in your community for the collection and disposal of garbage and rubbish? Are quarantine laws and other protective measures enforced?

18. **Community beautification.** Are the streets of your community clean and attractive? Are steps taken to encourage the planting of trees, flowers, and shrubbery? Are there plans to develop spots of beauty where people from both the country and the city may go to find relaxation and refreshment?

There are literally limitless opportunities to improve the community, whether we are living in the country or the city. Existing conditions in each community must determine the exact trend which the discussion of this month's topic will take.

The Board of Social Missions

The United Lutheran Church has an agency that deals with community improvement. This agency is the Board of Social Missions. Its function is to develop a program which will lead members of the church to engage in those activities which will help to meet the material and spiritual needs of men and contribute toward the transformation of our world of chaos into the Kingdom of God. The work of the Board of Social Missions has been divided into three departments, as follows:

The Department of Evangelism has a three-fold goal: (1) to strengthen the Christian life of those who are now faithful members of the church; (2) to reclaim those who have permitted the flame of Christian life to die down; and (3) to bring into vital contact and fellowship with Christ those who are outside of Him.

The Department of Inner Missions ministers to immigrants and seamen, carries on work among the underprivileged and handicapped, and presents a blessed ministry through countless institutions and agencies. The Board of Social Missions reaches into every community of the United Lutheran Church with its arm of comfort and help. The article in the current issue of LUTHERAN MEN by Mr. Carl M. Distler, under the title "When Disaster Strikes" describes one of the phases of specialized service rendered by this board of the church.

The Department of Social Action calls attention to and strives to overcome social evils such as drunkennes, debauchery, divorce, class struggle, industrial unrest, gambling, crime, and all the other forces which are placing such a tremendous strain upon the moral fiber of our day.

Challenges for Brotherhood Men

The study of this month's topic will be incomplete unless members of the Brotherhood decided upon some definite things which they will do individually and some definite things which they will do collectively in their community. The decisions reached will vary greatly throughout the United Lutheran Church and may be the outgrowth of discussing any of the eighteen items enumerated above and additional items presented at the meeting. The list of projects to be undertaken should not be too long. Not everything can be done at one time. Perhaps it would be best for each member of the Brotherhood to select not more than three things which he will strive individually to do throughout coming months to help improve his community. Perhaps each Brotherhood should select two or at most three things which members of the Brotherhood will do as a group throughout coming months to improve their community.

Assignment of the Project for the November Meeting

Cf. the article, "Our Stewardship Literature" in the current issue of LUTHERAN MAN.
Hymn, "Hasten, Lord the Glorious Time"—No. 227 C.S.B., or No. 157 P.S.H.
Lord's Prayer and Benediction
Fellowship and Refreshments

Alternate Topics

1. Invite an outstanding leader of your community to deliver an address on "The Greatest Needs of Our Community".

2. Invite the chief of police, the mayor, or some other civic leader to address the Brotherhood on "How We May Reduce Juvenile Delinquency in Our Community".

3. Arrange a visitation to social institutions in your community, including some of the institutions of the church if that is possible.

4. Write to the social mission insti-

tutions of our church which are serving your congregation to request any motion pictures or slides which they may have available and project the pictures at the Brotherhood meeting.

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Our Stewardship Literature
Project for the November Meeting

Next month our topic study will be. "The Challenge to Practice Stewardship". We will be giving attention to those things which will result in an increased understanding and appreciation of the church's work, as well as the development of a spirit of stewardship.

The stewardship office of the United Lutheran Church has been developing some exceptionally fine literature. It would be well to appoint a member of the Brotherhood to write to headquarters for samples of all available literature, make a study of this literature, and then present and describe it at the November meeting of the Brotherhood. Samples of stewardship literature may be obtained from Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, 231 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

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When Disaster Strikes

By Carl M. Distler

Mr. Distler is the highly respected and efficient president of the Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church. By occupation he is an attorney, with offices in Baltimore, Md.

What terror and dismay the very thought of disaster brings to every thinking individual! No one is secure. The time when the blow may fall is uncertain. Whether in the morning, or at noon, or at night—it may come at any time, anywhere, to anyone. Generally it comes quickly, and often without warning. Flood, or fire, or tornado, or drought are the most frequent sources of disaster. But whatever the origin, it may touch anyone. Whether it comes quickly and without previous warning—as generally happens when flood or fire or tornado strike, or comes after many weary months of encroaching—as usually is the situation in case of drought, its results are none the less devastating. Such disasters affect everyone, not only those living in the immediate territory of the disaster. They affect the whole church, for it is still true that one member of the church cannot suffer without every member sharing therein.

It is therefore both necessary and proper that the church should make ample provision for the care of its own, who may become the victims of disaster. Yet, for many years no agency had been charged with this responsibility, and no provision had been made by the church to set any machinery in motion to cope with the many problems and ramifications entailed in disaster relief. However, at the convention of the church held in 1936 the necessity was at last recognized. At that time the church adopted the following resolution:

"That the Inner Mission Board be charged with the duty of studying and developing an adequate organization to cope with disaster emergencies that may affect the church or any part of its territory from time to time; and that the matter of disaster emergency relief be made a part of the inner mision activities of the church under the jurisdiction of its said Board.

"That, as disasters occur, the Inner Mission Board, with the approval of the officers of the church, be authorized to make such appeals for funds and other contributions for disaster emergency relief as circumstances may require, and to receive, administer, and distribute the same."

Providential Action

This was not a spontaneous action on the part of the church. Disastrous floods in many parts of the country had time and again brought death and suffering and destruction in their wake, often seriously affecting congregations of the United Lutheran Church. Relief, wherever possible, had been administered to a more or less limited extent by local inner mission agencies, with support given by but a part of the church. For many months the then Inner Mission Board of the Church had been studying the matter, and after much thought and consideration brought to the attention of the convention the necessity for united action on the part of the whole church in meeting disaster emergencies affecting only a portion of the church. Its statement of the need is fully set forth in its report to the church (see Minutes of 1936, pp. 296-297). This was accompanied by a recommendation calling for definite action(see Recommendation 6, p. 303 of 1936 Minutes). As a result that portion of its recommendation quoted above was adopted, and the Board at once adjusted its organization so as to undertake this new addition to its responsibilities. Another part of it recommendation, urging that a permanent relief fund be established so as to be available for immediate use, was defeated at that time.

It seems as though the Spirit of God was directing the convention in the affirmative action taken by it, for in the winter of 1937 terrifying floods in the Ohio River Valley again brought disaster to many of our congregations. The Inner Mission Board sprang into immediate action to bring succor and relief. Its representatives went at once to the territory affected. A duly authorized appeal to the church brought a generous response. Relief was carefully administered by the Board, and the church became known to many thus succored as "the church that cares".

Since then the Board, now the Board of Social Missions, has also helped meet disaster through fire (as in the case of the Graf Zeppelin catastrophe), tornado (in South Carolina), flood, and drought (in Canada), and has completely exhausted all the funds which were raised through the first appeal. During these years the Board has felt the need for, and urged the creation of, a permanent fund which could be drawn upon for the giving of immediate help until the church could respond to meet the entire need. Recently the Executive Board of the Church agreed that the Board of Social Missions should have at its disposal for this purpose a fund of ten thousand dollars. When this fund becomes available it will be possible to administer instant relief for immediate necessities.

Careful Administration

In every case in which the funds of the church have been expended for emergency relief by the Board it has been done only after careful and thorough investigation of the need. Estimates of damages done have been carefully examined, the service of experts has been utilized, and the ability of the affected congregation to help itself has been considered.

The work of disaster relief is administered by the Board through a special standing Committee on Disaster Relief. The Board, with the knowledge gained through previous experiences, recognizes two types of disaster, namely major and local.

A major disaster is one resulting from a situation when, by an act of Providence, a number of congregations in a community or in several

communities or states are deprived of their houses of worship, or when the member of congregation in a territory are deprived of their means of support by such a disaster and are therefore temporarily unable to maintain their congregational work.

A local disaster is one resulting from an act of Providence which affects only one church building or the members of one congregation. For example, several years ago a single church in one of our western states was severely damaged by a sudden flood. It was the only Lutheran Church in that particular territory. Synod could not give sufficient assistance, and the congregation could not rehabilitate itself without additional aid. So the Board gave some financial help, and enabled the congregation to carry on.

Co-operative Work

In giving aid the Board does not alone effect a complete restoration of destroyed property. It expects the congregation affected to help itself to the best of its ability. It also expects the synod to give assistance. Usually the Board, through its committee, renders grants in aid up to one-third of the amount needed for the restoration of church buildings, although, where circumstances warrant, it may give larger amounts.

In order that it may effectively carry out its work the Board has made the following arrangements:

1. It has requested the President of each constituent synod of the United Lutheran Church in America to appoint a synodical Disaster Relief Committee, of which the President shall be chairman. This committee is charged with the task of surveying the territory affected by a disaster and reporting its needs. It is also to render assistance to the representatives of the Board who may be sent to the scene of the disaster, and to help in taking care of those affected. The Board will, whenever possible, work on the territory of a synod with and through this committee.

2. When disaster strikes any church the synodical committee is to notify the Board and also the president of synod, advising of the nature and extent of the disaster.

3. If the disaster is of such proportions as to justify an appeal to the church for funds, the Board, through its officers, will inform the officers of the church thereof, and, with their consent and approval issue an appeal to the church at large. In this event each pastor is to present the appeal to his people promptly, receive their offerings, and forward them without delay to his synodical treasurer marked "Special for Disaster Relief". The synodical treasurer will forward them promptly to the treasurer of the church for transmission to the Board and for distribution.

4. If necessary an appeal will also be made to the church, or such portions thereof as may be necessary, for food, clothing, furniture, linens, and other supplies.

5. Representatives of the Board, with such assistance as may be necessary, will proceed at once to the scene of the disaster and direct the administration of immediate relief. They will also survey the damage done and assist in determining the amount of rehabilitation needed.

6. All requests for financial aid will be carefully examined. Damage to buildings will be checked with expert assistance when necessary.

7. Where the finances of a congregation are so affected by the disaster as to make it impossible for the pastor's salary to be paid in full the Board will for a time pay any deficiency therein.

8. Aid, usually to the extent of one-third of the replacement cost (although here too, where circumstances warrant, the amount may be larger), will be given a pastor to replace personal losses not otherwise compensated for, primarily for libraries and ministerial equipment.

9. The Board wll endeavor to assist the church affected to become rehabilitated as speedily as possible, in order that the spiritual ministrations to the congregation may be resumed without undue delay.

This, in general, is the program of the Board of Social Missions in administering emergency relief funds of the church. It exercises the greatest care possible in dispensing the monies committed to its care for this purpose. The church may rest assured that the trust thus reposed in the Board will be faithfully administered.

Year-round Stewardship Emphasis Is Needed Say Stewardship Leaders

If stewardship is "the practice of the Christian religion," then it is evident that stewardship is a year-round activity.

This statement was one of the emphases at the second annual stewardship conference of the United Lutheran Church, held June 4-5, at the Deshler Wallick Hotel, Columbus, O. Stewardship chairmen and secretaries from almost all 32 synods attended.

Among the speakers were Dr. Walton H. Greever, secretary of the United Lutheran Church; Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, stewardship secretary, and Henry Endress, associate secretary. Representatives from the synods also participated in the sessions.

Among the topics discussed were "Stewardship and Missions," "Stewardship and Evangelism," "The State of the Church," and "Stewardship the Year Round."

It was stressed that just one Sunday, just one week, or just one month is not enough. A year-round emphasis is needed to bring about a deep-rooted growth in Christian stewardship in our congregations, conferences, synods — the entire United Lutheran Church.

It is the year-round leadership and activity of pastors, councilmen, and stewardship committees—working in all areas of the Church—that will result in a wider "practice of the Christian religion."

How to do it? ULCA manuals will suggest and guide. Greater devotion; study of the Scriptures; stewardship forums; publication of stewardship facts; distribution of tracts; reading of our Church publications; stewardship meetings in the conferences, synods, and wider Church; laymen's retreats; Every Member Visitations at least once a year; study of tithing and the 50-50 balanced budget.

The basic motives are love and gratitude. The goal, the full Christian life. Advances in benevolence giving are signs of progress.

Now available, distributed free, are manuals for the stewardship committees in local congregations, conferences, and synods, it is announced by Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, stewardship secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, 231 Madison Avenue, New York 16.

The manuals list suggestions for all year round activity in stewardship and outlines a coordinated program of activity for the synodical, conference, and congregational committees.

Also available for free distribution are stewardship tracts, **Stewardship—Its Essence and Purpose** by Dr. Walton H. Greever and **God Is Owner** by Arthur Black.

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Women Censors?

St. Paul's Lutheran
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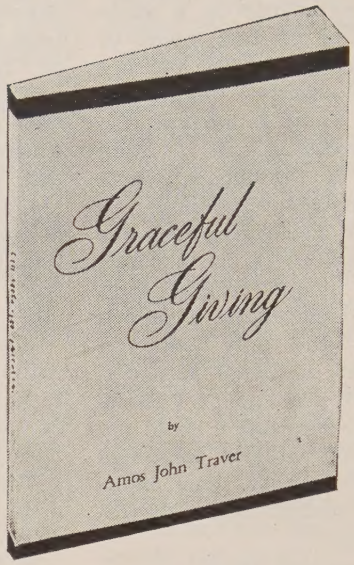
The last Brotherhood meeting had been postponed a week. And since there is always quite a space of time, from the time the magazine is received till the meeting, most of the men had forgotten, the night before the meeting that they hadn't received a magazine. So. St. Paul's boys went on a hunting tour in their homes. On the night of the meeting, they came with disappointed faces, questioning each other as to the receipt of their magazine. There was, however, quite a bit of consolation, as they discovered that the next man hadn't found his either. Just before the meeting began some of the boys were saying "My wife and I looked all over last night" or perhas it was just the wife that did the hunting. Another one blamed his daughter Dorothy. But what a happy bunch they were when they learned that even the Pastor hadn't located his. When finally the president, Harry Denker arrived, muttering in low tones "I ransacked the whole house last night, and couldn't find it," the gang was all there. The Pastor had prepared a topic for discussion, and the meeting began as the happy throng joined in "The Men of the Church for the Master."

From all appearances the wives and daughters enjoy reading these magazines just as well as the men. For in most cases they were the first to suggest to the men, that they hadn't received them.

Fraternally,
Henry Rowoldt, *Pastor*

Wonder whether the women-folks want to beat the brothers to the jokes? Or have they been trained through Lutheran Women's Work to like to read our Lutheran magazines? — Ed.



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